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8 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
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10 NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

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ANDREA BARTZ, CHARLES GRAEBER,  
and KIRK WALLACE JOHNSON,

No. C 24-05417 WHA

Plaintiffs,

v.

ANTHROPIC PBC,

Defendant.

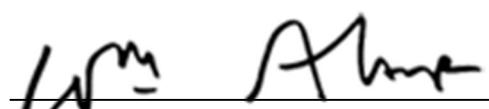
**PERMISSION TO NEGOTIATE  
CLASS SETTLEMENT**

19 Although normally counsel may not negotiate a class settlement prior to certification, this  
20 order permits counsel to try to do so. We are far enough along that any settlement should  
21 come sooner rather than later if the parties prefer that the undersigned judge manage the class  
22 approval process, given that the judge will likely take inactive status before the end of the year.

23 **IT IS SO ORDERED.**

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25 Dated: May 23, 2025.

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WILLIAM ALSUP  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE